

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.:	09/653,609	§	Examiner:	Abrishamkar, Kaveh
Filed:	August 31, 2000	§	Group/Art Unit:	2131
Inventors:		§	Atty. Dkt. No:	5181-70000
	Gregory L. Slaughter, et al.	§		
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Title:	System And Method For	§		
	Secure Message-Based	§		
	Leasing Of Resources In A	§		
	Distributed Computing	§		
	Environment	§		

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency of December 6, 2006, attached please find a Replacement Drawing sheet for Figure 10.

No fees are believed to be necessary. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5181-70000/RCK.

Respectfully submitted,

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